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Sir:

Response to Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121

Claims 1-20 are pending and have been made subject to a restriction and/or election requirement.

Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Restriction has been required under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner states that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention (ink jet recording methods including the use of ink jet recording elements):

- A. The porous polymeric particles are made from a monomer, which is 1) styrenic; or 2) acrylic;
- B. The dispersant for the particles is 1) anionic; or 2) cationic; and
- C. The surfactant in the ink-receiving layer is 1) anionic; or 2) cationic.

Applicants hereby elect the following species:

- A2 (porous polymer polymers derived from acrylic monomer,
- B1 (anionic dispersant for the particles), and
- C2 (cationic surfactant for the ink-receiving layer).

It is believed that Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 10, and 19-20 are generically readable on the elected species. Claims 5, 11, 12, 17 and 18 are specifically readable on the elected species. Claims 13, 14, 15 and 16 are not readable thereon.

Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding the election consonant with the restriction requirement, she is cordially invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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